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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (If only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

Utilization of water-soluble zirconium compounds as drying accelerators in aqueous coating agents

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

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and including all the amendments through the date hereof.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) for which Priority Is Claimed:

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